

Dear Candidate:

Welcome to the General Election for the City of Cedar Park. This Candidate Packet has been compiled with important information that will assist you with running for office.

In regard to the administration of elections, the duties of the City Sectary's Office include accepting, retaining, and providing public access to the various applications, affidavits, and financial reports from candidates. Staff will note the date and time of all filings. The City Secretary's Office **does not** complete, correct information, report on timeliness of filings, or the sufficiency of forms filed. The City Attorney provides legal services to the City as a municipal corporation and the City must maintain neutrality in the electoral process.

Election law and especially campaign finance law are very complex: therefore, a candidate should consider retaining legal counsel. The City Secretary's Office and the City Attorney's Office cannot interpret or advise on any matter related to election law or campaign finance law for the candidate(s).

If you should require additional assistance or have additional questions, please contact the following offices:

Texas Ethics Commission: Secretary of State Office - Elections

1-800-328-8506 1-800-252-8683

Website: <u>www.ethics.state.tx.us</u> Website: <u>www.sos.state.tx.us</u>

Please note that all election records and campaign reports are considered open records and subject to the Texas Public Information Act.

Candidate packets may be picked up at the City Secretary's Office, located at City Hall, 450 Cypress Creek Road, Building One, between the hours of 8:00 – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Regards,

LeAnn M. Quinn, TRMC City Secretary